

You know...the logic surrounding this issue shouldn't even need any debate, but with corporate greed and protectionism being somewhat rampant in this country, I guess I'm not surprised. The issues at hand for weather, traffic, and similar information are not entertainment issues...they are public safety issues. Weather, in particular, is an obvious safety issue that should not be inhibited in almost all cases. Traffic conditions are also a safety issue, especially when you consider accident locations, road closures, and other significant impacts on traffic flow. Additionally, aren't gas prices in the \$2-\$3 range right now? Wouldn't conservation be positively impacted by valuable, up-to-the-minute, traffic info? Another positive element to XM's ability to provide this mode of info might be useful in terrorist alert situations. People just needing weather and traffic data are often not interested in tuning in to the "straight news" channels available on XM or local venues. It's so obvious that there are so many safety and convenience factors associated with this issue. The fact that there are those who want to squelch this important public safety issue is a downright shame. Remember...it's about safety, not entertainment. Thad Carey